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Food and Agriculture (1950) Department.

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G.O. NO. 965 Food and Agriculture.

Dated 19th May 1950

[Despatch Abstract.]

Agriculture - Food Production - Subsidiary foods and Summer crops. Proposals of the Board of Revenue (F.P) Orders passed - Papers Recorded.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (FOOD PRODUCTION)

SUBJECT:

AGRICULTURE - Food Production - Subsidiary foods and growing of summer crops.

L. Dis. No. 5460/50 F.P. III dated 20--4--1950.

From

Sri V.S. Hejmadi, I.C.S.,

Commissioner of Food Production,

Sri N.S. Mani, I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Commissioner of Food Production.

Read:

1. Government memo No. 36072 L/49-23 Food and Agriculture dated 27--3--1950.
2. Government D.O. No. 15742 L/50 dated Food and Agriculture dated 7--3--1950.
3. From the Director of Agriculture, Madras, letter No.E.E 4-149/50 dated 27--3-1950 (copy communicated to the Government.)
4. Board's Ref. No. 5460/50-4 F. . III dated 1-4-1950 to the Director of Agriculture, Madras copy marked to the Governmen)
5. From the Director of Agriculture, Madras, letter No.E.E.4 149/50 dated 10-4-1950.

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The Board invites the attention of the Government to the letter from the Director of Agriculture, Madras third cited above. The Board agrees with the Director of Agriculture that the grant of an acreage bonus for sweet potatoes and tapioca will not help to solve the food situation in this state and that it is not necessary to grant any such bonus this year.

2. Instead of an acreage bonus for a summer crop of sweet potatoes, the Director of Agriculture has proposed the grant of an acreage bonus of Rs.35/- per acre for irrigated millets grown in summer months. In reply to the Board's reference fourth cited, the Director of Agriculture has also explained the position further as per his letter read as No. 5 above (copy enclosed) The Director of Agriculture has stated that the irrigated summer millets are short

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term crops of 3 to 4 months' duration and their encouragement by the grant of a bonus is likely to yield better results. On this question, the Board doubts whether the grant of such a bonus is likely to result in a net additional production of millets. For, in the first place, the scope for the cultivation of irrigated millets is limited and the scheme has to be restricted to areas having irrigation facilities during the summer months. Secondly the bonus will be justifiable, only if it will induce the agriculturists to take to some new practice for increasing millet production. In this connection, the Board invites the attention of the Government to the circular issued by the Civil Supplies Branch to the Collectors of all districts. (copy marked to the Government in its ref. B. 647180/47 3 dated 13-12-1947, in which the normal percentages of harvests of millets in this State have been indicated as follows:-

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Jan.	Feb.	March.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	No.	Dec.
16.5	11,5	6.6	2.9	1.9	1.2	2,2Ø	4.5.	5.0	9.4	13.8	21.7

It may be seen that the percentage of harvests of millets rises appreciable from August onwards. This would show that cultivation of irrigated millets is taking place already in the summer months wherever facilities exist. In this view, the Board does not consider it necessary to support the proposal of the Director of Agriculture, Madras for the grant of an acreage bonus of Rs.25/- per acre for summer irrigated millets.

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for Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Food and Agriculture Department, Madras with enclosure.

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/ True copy /

Copy of letter No. RE.4-149/50 dated 10--4--1950 from the Director of Agriculture, Madras to the Commissioner of Food Production, Madras.

Sub: AGRICULTURE - Famine conditions due to failure of Monsoon- Measures to enable ryots to grow summer crops.

Ref: 1. Board's No. 5460/50-4 F.P III dated 1--4--1950.

2. This office letter No.RE. 4-149/50 dated 27--3--1950.

3. Government Memo. 36072 d/49-23 dated 27--2--1950.

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In Government Memo quoted above proposals were called for the encouragement of sweet potato and tapioca production for consumption within the State due to the present deteriorating food position consequent to the failure of the North East Monsoon in the Southern Districts.

In Government D.O letter No. 15742 L/50 dated 7--3--1950 communicated in Board's D.O. letter 5460/50-2 FP III dated 14-350 proposalswere called for assistance to raise crops in Chinghaput North Arcot, and South Arcot etc. to stave off famine. In the same D.O. Board's attention was invited to Government Memo No.3 cited above where in proposals, for encouraging the cultivation of sweet potator and tapioca during the summer months of 1950 by offering an acreage bonus, were called for.

As both the Government Memo AND D.O. letter refer to proposals for increasing production in the summer months particularly in the famine affected Southern districts only are set of proposals in my letter No.2 quoted above were put up to meet the situation.

As stated already, the grant of acreage bonus for sweet potator and tapioca is not going to be successful and will not meet the deterior ting feed situation. On ther hand, an acreage bonus for irrigated summer millets at the rate of Rs.25/- per acre is likely to increase production of these millets. The

irrigated summer millets are short term crops of 3 to 4 ½ months durations and hence their encouragement is likely to yield better results. Besides announcement of bonus immediately and propaganda ~~xxx~~ in all places where ever facilities for irrigation in summer exist, nothin more is necessary. Seed ~~x~~ required per acre is small and cultivators can manage to secure it themselves. The acreage bonus will enable them to purchase manure and for meeting irrigation charges to some extent.

2. As it is difficult to estimate the amount that will be involved, it is suggested, that as was done in the case of acreage bonus for sweet potato and tapioca a lump sum allotment may be placed at the disposal of the Collectors of the districts concerned.

There are no other proposals on hand separately for the famine affected districts.

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

U.O. NOTE NO. 15742 L/50-4 dated the 18th May, 1950.

SUB: AGRICULTURE - Food Production - Subsidiary foods and growing of summer crops.

Ref: D.O. to Secretary to Commissioner of Food Production, No. 15742 L/50-1 dated 7--3--50.

From the Board of Revenue (Food Production) No. 5460/50 F.P. III dated 20--4--1950.

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The Food and Agriculture (F.P.) Department may be informed that the Government agree with the view expressed in the Board's letter cited above that no acreage bonus need be given for growing irrigated millets or sweet potatoes or tapioca. It is too late to consider any other measures.

The Director of Agriculture may however be instructed to help the growing of summer crops by arranging for quick supply of pumpsets and fuel therefore(petrol, diesel oil etc) as well as seeds. They will not also involve any extra expenditure to Government.

N. MURUGESA MUDLIAR

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Food and Agriculture (Food Production) Department.

copy to the Director of Agriculture, with reference to his letter No. EE4. 149/50 dated 10--4--1950.

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v.n.m. 7/7/

N. Raghavan.

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Food and Agriculture Dept.

SUMMARY.

The Board of Revenue (F.P.) has been asked early in March 1950 to submit proposal for encouraging ryots to grow summer crops in order that the famine conditions arising out of the failure of the N.E. Monsoon may be alleviated to some extent. The Board has also been asked to state the measures it had taken, if any, to contract the bad effects of the failure of the monsoon. Its reply to this enquiry is at p. 9. c.f.

The Board has referred to the Director of Agriculture's letter at p. 10 c.f. and states that it agrees with the Director of Agriculture that the grant of an acreage bonus for sweet potatoes and tapioca will not help to solve the food situation in this State, and that it is not necessary to grant any such bonus this year. To lend support to this view, the Director of Agriculture has stated that acreage bonus of Rs.15/- per acre sanctioned last year was not availed of by the ryots to any appreciable extent.

The Director of Agriculture has suggested instead, that an acreage bonus for irrigated millets grown in summer will be more fruitful of results. He has recommended that an amount of Rs.25/- per acre to meet the extra cost of manure for irrigated millets will lead to increase in production. He suggests that a lump sum allotment may be placed at the disposal of Collectors of the Concerned districts as the amount cannot be estimated now. The Board of Revenue (FP) however doubts whether the grant of such a bonus is likely to result in a net additional production of millets, as firstly the scope for the cultivation or irrigated millets is limited

and the scheme has to be restricted to areas having irrigation facilities during summer months and secondly the ryots themselves cultivate irrigated millets during summer months, even without the inducement of the acreage bonus suggested by the Director of Agriculture. The Board therefore does not consider it necessary to support the proposal of the Director of Agriculture for the grant of acreage bonus of Rs.25/- per acre for summer irrigated millets.

It is therefore for consideration (i) whether it will be enough if nothing is done to starve off famine conditions on account of the failure of N.E. Monsoon as recommended by the Board of Revenue (F.P) at p. 9. c.f or (ii) whether the alternative proposal of the Director of Agriculture for granting acreage bonus for irrigated millets during m summer months will be accepted or (iii) whether the original proposal to grant acreage bonus for sweet potato and tapioca during 1950-51 will be pressed for, in spite of the advice of the Director of Agriculture and the Board of that is will not be necessary.

If item (ii) or (iii) is accepted, the case may be sent to Finance Department for remakrs. Otherwsie the case may be circulated to H.M. (Agri) for perusal of the Board's report at p. 9 .c.f. and for orders whether its views therein may be accepted.

Perhaps the Board's recommendation may be accepted.

Nothing can be now after all the delay.

D.S,

The best help for growing summer crops is a liberal supply of pumpsets and fuel therefor (Petrol and Diesel oil) ...supply of seeds. They will not cost any extra money. Instructins may be given to the Director of Agriculture accordingly.

H.M. Agri.

If we can afford some expenditure, we may remit assessmen (landassessment only) on lands on which millets or paddy are grown under irrigated condition till end of January.

No need to remit the assessment. N.M 12.5.50 I agree with the Board's views.

A.BC. 13/5/

TO A.S.

Please see the orders above.

2. The Commissioner Food Production has since been appointed as ex-officio Secretary to Government in this Department for dealing with the Food Production work relating to this State. The Food and Agriculture (F.P) Department may be informed of the decision at (A' above. The draft U.C. Note below is forapproval. After issue these papers may be recorded after issue.

With reference to Sc above, a sentence has been added in the draft U.O. Note below.

G.O. M.S. 965 Dated 19--5--1950.

Agriculture - Food production - Subsidiary foods and growing of summer crops - Proposal of the Board of Revenue (.F.P.) Orders Passed - Papers - Recorded.

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Superintendent.

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N. Raghavan.